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SUBJECT: UNGA DISARMAMENT: SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE (SPNWFZ)

1. TEMPLETON (NEW ZEALAND) TOLD MARTIN (US) ON NOV 19 THAT NEW ZEALAND HAD CONSIDERED PROPOSED US CHANGES IN SPNWFZ RESOLUTION AND COULD NOT ACCEPT THEM. HE GAVE MARTIN PAPER SETTING OUT RESPONSE (TEXT BELOW) IN MORE DETAIL. WILLIAMS (NZ) INFORMED DELOFF THAT SOVIETS HAD PROPOSED THE SAME CHANGES AND HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN.

2. SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, PERU, AND ECUADOR HAVE JOINED ORIGINAL COSPONSORS OF RESOLUTION. NEW ZEALANDERS HOPE TO BRING RESOLUTION TO A VOTE

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EARLY IN WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NZ RESPONSE: QUOTE

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE AMERICAN SUGGESTIONS REGARDING A POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE RESOLUTION. IT HAD BEEN THEIR HOPE THAT THE NEW ZEALAND STATEMENT MADE IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE ON 31 OCTOBER WOULD PROVIDE THE KIND OF SAFEGUARDS THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT APPEARED TO HAVE IN MIND IN SUGGESTING THAT THE RESOLUTION BE AMENDED.

NEW ZEALAND SEES THE FIRST STEP - THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION - AS A LARGELY PROCEDURAL ONE, WHICH WILL SET THE STAGE FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATIONS ON THE ISSUES OF THE SUBSTANCE. OUR OBJECTIVE IN THE PRESENT ASSEMBLY EXERCISE IS THEREFORE A MODES ON AND THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IS, IN OUR VIEW, THE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO SECURE THAT OBJECTIVE. WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR AT THIS STAGE IS NO MORE THAN RECOGNITION BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES CONCERNED. IN DOING OS, IN THE TERMS WE HAVE USED, WE ARE GIVING EFFECT TO THE UNANIMOUS DECISION REACHED AT THE NUKU'ALOFA MEETING OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM IN JULY. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION DOES NOT COMMIT FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO ANY APTICULAR COURSE OF ACTION. THEY REMAIN FREE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN POSITION ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL WHEN THESE COME TO BE LOOKED AT IN DEATIL. WE HAVE NEVER MINIMISED THE COMPLEXITY OF SOME OF THESE ISSUES. WE HAVE NO WISH, EVEN IF WE HAD THE POWER, TO FORCE SOMETHING ON OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR INTERESTS. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THEY WILL MAKE CLEAR THE REASONS FOR THEIR RESERVATIONS WHEN THEY CONSIER THIS TO BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.

THERE IS ANOTHER REASON WHY, IN OUR VIEW, IT WOULD BE UNDERSIRABLE TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE AWARE THAT MORE SWEEPING PROPOSALS REGARDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A DEMILITARISATION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC HAVE BEEN MADE, FOR EXAMPLE IN THE FINAL DECLARATION OF THE RECENT NON-ALIGNED MEETING HELD IN LIMA. IT IS NOT UNLIKELY THAT WERE THE RESOLUTION TO BE AMENDED AS SUGGESTED BY THE UNITED STATES CERTAIN COUNTRIES MIGHT FEEL BOUND, ON THEIR PART, TO SUGGEST THEIR OWN AMENDMENTS TO THE RESOLUTION.

IN THUS FRANKLY EXPLAINING ITS ATTITUDE THE
NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT NEVERTHELESS WISHES TO RE-
EMPHASISE THE VALUE IT PLACES ON ITS CLOSE WORKING
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES ON UNITED NATIONS
ISSUES INCLUDING THIS ONE. THE UNITED STATES
AUTHORITIES WILL NOT BE UNAWARE OF THE CLOSE
COOPERATION THAT HAS EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO
DELEGATIONS ON IMPORTANT POLITICAL QUESTIONS AT THE
ASSEMBLY OR OF THE SUPPORT WHICH NEW ZEALAND HAS
GIVEN TO THE UNITED STATES' POSITION ON SUCH QUESTIONS.

IN PARTICULAR WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR
EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE SPIRIT
OF CLOSE COOPERATION WHICH CHARACTERISES THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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